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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 57,907; Week ago 47,366; Year ago 53,690 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. S	ΓEERS:	Fdr. H	<u>EIFERS:</u>	Hols.	<u>STEERS</u>
361 lbs.	155.95	364 lbs.	137.80	375 lbs.	117.37
459 lbs.	145.01	463 lbs.	130.15	456 lbs.	113.63
554 lbs.	131.18	554 lbs.	119.46	535 lbs.	111.38
652 lbs.	118.05	646 lbs.	110.70	668 lbs.	90.83
743 lbs.	111.47	739 lbs.	105.38	765 lbs.	86.23
836 lbs.	108.31	841 lbs.	101.61	854 lbs.	85.85
941 lbs.	104.63	929 lbs.	96.91	911 lbs.	84.43
1086 lbs.	102.84	•		•	

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 12,759; Week ago 4710; Year ago 12,583 Compared to last week, steers under 700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 700 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers under 550 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 higher, instances 8.00 higher, over 550 lbs steady. Slaughter cows and bulls weak to 3.00 lower.

STE	ERS:	<u>HEII</u>	<u>FERS</u> :
Medium ar	nd Large 1	Medium and Large 1	
	:		_
300-400 lbs.	152.00-165.00	300-400 lbs.	135.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	136.00-150.00	400-500 lbs.	123.00-136.00
500-550 lbs.	130.00-142.00:	500-600 lbs.	108.00-121.50
550-600 lbs.	119.00-132.50	600-700 lbs.	105.00-116.00
600-650 lbs.	116.00-126.00	700-750 lbs.	103.00-108.50
650-700 lbs.	114.00-121.00	800-835 lbs.	102.50-105.00
700-800 lbs.	107.50-116.50		
800-900 lbs.	104.75-110.00		
Large 3 H	Holsteins	SLAUGHTER C	COWS:

	Large 3 Holsteins	SLAUGHTER COWS:
~		Breaking and Boning (70-85%
Scarce		lean) 44.00-51.50, high dressing
		49.00-54.00. Lean (85-90%)
		38.50-45.50, low dressing 37.00-
		38.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2260 lbs, 54.50-59.00, High dressing 60.00-66.00, Low dressing 50.00-54.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss 1000-1400 lbs, with baby to 300 lb calves 960.00-1290.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1050-1375 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 970.00-1170.00 per head. Some individual sales and some lower quality 750.00-950.00 per head.

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SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 18,477; week ago 16,300; year ago 17,643 Cow and Bull Receipts 2368; week ago 1700; year ago 1600 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1278, (Norwood 1/12/06)

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 550 steady to 3.00 higher, heifers under 550 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, steers and heifers over 550 lbs steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower, bulls 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

	ERS: and Large 1		FERS: and Large 1
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	152.00-162.00 129.00-163.00 119.00-145.00 110.00-124.50 107.00-117.00 103.75-110.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	129.00-145.00 123.00-143.00 110.00-136.00 105.00-115.00 101.50-109.50 96.00-103.00
900-1000 lbs.	101.50-108.50	: :	

Large	Frame 3
200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	114.00-119.00
400-500 lbs.	111.00-120.50
500-600 lbs.	10100-115.50
600-700 lbs.	88.50-95.00
700-800 lbs.	81.00-90.00
800-900 lbs.	80.00-88.75
900-1000 lbs.	82.00-87.50

HOLSTEINS:

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1975.00-2225.00, Approved 1800.00-1975.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1925.00-2325.00, Approved 1700.00-1900.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1350.00-1550.00, 600-700 lbs 1420.00-1570.00, 500-600 lbs 1225.00-1425.00, 400-500 lbs 1125.00-1335.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 510.00-800.00. Bulls 145.00-220.00.

Dairy Cattle Sales

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 940-1340 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-925.00, several blacks and black whiteface 925.00-1235.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1000-1320 lbs. with baby to 300 lb calves, 1000.00-1335.00 per pair.

<u>SLAUGHTER COWS:</u> Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 43.00-52.50, high dressing 49.50-54.50 Lean (85-90%) 37.00-43.00, low dressing 27.50-37.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1190-2380 lbs. 56.00-61.00, high dressing 58.50-67.50, low dressing 49.50-56.50.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,108; Week ago 12,654; Year ago 12,246 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Sows 4.00 to 5.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 47.00-

Weekly top price Tuesday 54.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 29.00-32.00 Over 500 lbs 33.00-35.00

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville) Receipts 5363; Week ago 4696; Year ago 4294

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 550 lbs firm to 4.00 higher, over 550 lbs steady to 3.00 lower with some six weight heifers 3.00 higher. Slaughter Cows 2.00 to 3.00 lower.

FEEDER Medium and l			<u>HEIFERS</u> : Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	145.00-169.50 132.00-157.00 116.00-147.75 109.00-130.00 105.10-115.25 103.00-111.00 103.00-109.85	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs	125.00-140.50 117.00-145.50 108.00-139.50 103.50-117.85 101.00-110.25 99.25-101.25
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg ss, 975-1630 lbs 2 stage 810.00-130.	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to 2nd to mostly 3rd	SLAUGHTER C and Boning (70-51.25, high dress Lean (85-90%) 4 dressing 40.25-4	85% lean) 45.00- sing 52.00-57.00, 4.50-48.00, low
COW & CALF P. and Large 1-2, 2 y 1225 lbs, with 180 1125.00-1275.00.	yrs to ss, 825- 0-440 lbs calves,	SLAUGHTER B Yield Grade 1-2, 58.25-63.75, high low dressing 50.0	1330-2385 lbs h dressing 65.50,

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)
Receipts: 7005; Week ago 3933; Year ago; 5122
Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 550 lbs firm to 10.00 higher, 550 to 650 lbs steady, over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER S Medium and L			HEIFERS: Large 1 & 1-2
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	138.00-158.00 130.00-154.00 118.00-146.00 108.00-128.00 104.00-115.50 100.00-111.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs 700-800 lbs.	127.00-147.00 120.00-147.00 108.00-128.00 104.00-116.50 102.00-112.00
SLAUGHTER ST Choice 3 90.00	EERS:	SLAUGHTER C Boning, and Lear 42.00-54.00, high 57.75, low dressi	n (70-90% lean) n dressing 52.00-
SLAUGHTER HE Scarce	IFERS:	SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1300- 62.25, high dress	2300 lbs, 55.25-

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 4088; week ago 4634; year ago 3616 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 177; week ago 0; year ago 38 Compared to the last week steers steady to 2.00 higher, heifers steady. Slaughter Cows 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower.

	R STEERS: and Large 1		HEIFERS: and Large 1
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	151.00-163.50 140.50-158.00 125.00-145.00 111.00-127.00 109.00-117.00 106.25-115.40	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	138.00-147.00 126.00-143.00 116.00-134.00 106.00-121.00 102.25-111.00 98.50-104.90
<u>SLAUGHTER S</u> 2-3 1100-1400 ll	STEERS: Choice bs 90.25-93.00	SLAUGHTER C and Boning (75-8 51.50, low dressi	85% lean) 45.00-
<u>SLAUGHTER F</u> 2-3 1000-1300 li	HEIFERS: Choice bs 88.00-89.60	SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1400- 61.75.	

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 3022; Week ago 458; Year ago 1741

FEEDER STEERS:

Compared to last week steers and heifers 5.00 to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cow 1.00 lower, bulls 4.00 lower.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

FEEDER HEIFERS:

FEEDER STEERS.		$\underline{\text{reeden heirens}}$.	
Medium and Large 1-2		Medium and Large 1-2	
300-350 lbs.	148.00-160.00	300-400 lbs.	122.00-139.00
350-400 lbs.	137.00-150.00	: 400-500 lbs.	100.00-138.00
400-450 lbs.	131.00-148.00	500-550 lbs.	105.00-120.50
450-500 lbs.	114.00-139.00	550-600 lbs.	100.00-113.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-128.50	600-675 lbs.	98.00-111.50
600-700 lbs.	100.50-123.00	700-775 lbs.	90.50-103.00
700-800 lbs.	100.00-114.00	800-825 lbs.	96.00-98.00
800-850 lbs.	101.00-107.00		
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg 820-1430 lbs in 2 680.00-1060.00 p	ge 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs nd to 3rd stage	<i>U</i> (85% lean) 42.25- sing 48.00-49.00,
COW & CALF P. Medium and Larg 895-1235 lbs. wit calves 860.00-104	ge 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs h baby-150 lbs	SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1265- 59.25, high dress dressing 28.50-3	-2505 lbs 48.75- sing 62.75, low

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 4142; Week ago 2775; Year ago 962

FEEDER STEERS:

Compared to last week steers under 600 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower.

Medium and Large 1		Medium a	and Large 1
400-500 lbs.	138.00-154.50	300-400 lbs.	133.00-155.00
500-600 lbs.	121.00-140.00	400-500 lbs.	120.50-136.00
600-700 lbs.	112.50-124.25	500-600 lbs.	108.00-126.50
700-800 lbs.	106.50-112.25	600-700 lbs.	104.00-114.50
800-900 lbs.	104.85-110.00	700-750 lbs.	98.50-104.00
		Pkg 881 lbs.	94.00
REPLACEMEN Medium and Lar yrs. 1075-1300 ll stage 915.00-107 COW & CALF I and Large 1-2, S	ge 1-2, 2 to 9 os 2nd and 3rd '5.00 per head.	U (85% lean) 43.00- sing 50.00-53.00, 19.00-47.00, low 2.00. BULLS: Yield -2025 lbs, 56.00- sing 62.75, Low

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 800; Week ago 100; Year ago 1000 Compared to last week, trade rather slow. No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on a grid basis mostly steady. Demand and seller interest moderate.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1200-	STEERS AND HEIFERS:
1300 lbs 93.00 late last Friday.	Carcass sales: Load 90% Choice
	Steers 150.00 fob.

HEIFERS: No Sales GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 150.00-155.00.

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 12,837

Compared to last week, weaner steady to .50 lower. Not enough feeder pigs to establish trend. USDA National Feeder Pig report indicates weaner and feeder pigs steady with a weak undertone. Good demand for moderate sup-

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered, 81% formulated. (5900 head AR to NB & IA) 12,837 head 10 lbs 33.00-47.00 weighted average 10 lbs 36.06

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes Delivered 0% formulated No sales to report

Last week

Last Year

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 51,000; Week ago 42,000; Year ago 45,000

Slaughter Lambs 4.00 lower	Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Steady	1-3 40.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs Steady	40.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 76.00-1-2 50-70 lbs 105.00-120.00, 70-90 78.00, wooled 73.00-76.00. lbs 90.00-105.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

The hay market is seeing some struggles currently. Strong demand in neighboring states is drawing a lot of hay down the road. Locally prices here just don't support hauling hay very far, and buyers are sticking to there guns refusing to pay much more for hay even as the price increases all the way around this states border. These factors are causing several truckers here to haul away from Missouri in order to pay there bills. Hay supply and demand is moderate, prices are steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 120.00-145.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 30.00-80.00 Small. Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.50 per bale 25.00-50.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-60.00 Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 15.00-30.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER HOGS **CATTLE SHEEP** Week to date 606,000 2,067,000 51,000 529,000 1,823,000 42,000 45,000 595,000 2,034,000 2006 yr. to date 1,135,000 3,890,000 93,000 4.009.000 89,000 2005 yr. to date 1,173,000

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	186.90	210.50	167.50	81.50
St. Louis	201.00	195.00	212.50	88.50

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .14 lower, Medium .04 lower, and Small .03 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .35-.44, Medium .23-.29, Small .15-.19.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .34 to .36 lower, Wheat .03 to .05 higher, Corn unch to .01 lower, KC Wheat .05 to .10 higher, Soybean Meal 7.10 to 10.40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans Jan Mar May Jul Aug	584 594 603 612 1/2 614	578 1/4 589 599 608 1/4 610 3/4	574 1/2 584 1/2 593 3/4 603 605 1/2	562 572 581 1/2 590 1/4 593	565 576 1/2 585 1/2 595 597 1/2
Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	326 1/2 337 346 1/4 355 366	329 1/4 339 1/2 348 1/4 357 1/4 369	330 1/2 341 1/4 350 359 1/2 370 1/2	333.1/4 344 353 362 373 3/4	334 3/4 345 1/4 353 3/4 363 1/4 373 3/4
Corn Mar May Jul Sep Dec	211 220 1/2 229 235 3/4 345 3/4	231 1/4 222 1/2 230 1/2 237 1/2 247 3/4	214 1/2 224 232 1/4 239 1/4 249	212 3/4 222 1/4 230 1/2 238 248	213 1/2 323 231 1/2 239 248 3/4
KC Wheat Mar May Jul Sep Dec	370 1/2 369 1/4 368 372 1/2 382 1/2	372 372 1/2 370 374 1/4 384 1/2	375 737 3/4 372 1/2 377 387	382 3/4 381 3/4 380 1/2 384 1/2 393 3/4	383 1/4 384 1/2 383 387 396 1/2
SB Meal Jan Mar May Jul Aug	183.30 184.60 186.50 188.50 189.50	181.10 182.40 184.70 186.90 188.30	181.30 181.70 183.70 186.10 187.40	178.80 179.00 180.50 182.80 184.20	176.50 181.70 183.60 185.60 187.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .15 to .50 lower, Lean Hogs 1.95 to 5.47 lower, Pork Bellies .50 to 3.65 lower, Feeder Cattle .62 to 2.03 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Daily Futures Closes				
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle Feb Apr Jun Aug Oct	96.47 95.37 87.72 86.37 89.17	96.55 95.47 87.95 86.42 89.15	94.22 93.10 86.12 85.07 88.12	95.12 93.95 87.12 85.70 88.67	95.57 94.40 87.07 85.77 88.75
Lean Hogs Feb Apr May Jun Jul	64.67 68.80 70.32 72.90 70.10	62.67 66.80 68.87 71.70 68.72	60.67 64.80 67.40 69.95 67.12	59.77 65.37 68.07 70.95 67.92	59.00 64.87 67.20 70.77 67.65
Prk Bel Feb Mar May Jul Aug	88.25 87.80 89.30 91.00 89.00	85.47 85.05 86.65 89.50 87.00	83.40 83.02 84.95 87.70 86.50	84.80 84.40 85.70 88.20 87.50	83.95 83.55 84.70 87.20 87.50
Fdr Cat Jan Mar Apr May Aug	114.52 114.25 114.45 114.20 114.75	113.90 113.62 114.00 113.85 114.52	112.05 110.77 111.45 111.60 112.95	112.87 112.10 112.60 113.00 113.92	112.47 111.97 112.67 112.97 113.85
Milk Jan Feb Mar	13.37 13.08 13.10	13.37 13.05 13.10	13.37 12.98 12.98	13.37 12.88 12.87	13.35 12.78 12.75

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .23 to .34 lower Wheat .04 to .11 higher Corn .04 lower to .07 higher Grain Sorghum unchanged to .09 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.69 5.64 5.60 5.47 5.52	3.46 3.47 3.55 3.63 3.63	1.84-1.86 1.86-1.88 1.95 1.93 1.94	3.41 3.45 3.48 3.45 3.46
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.83-5.85 5.82-5.83 5.82-5.83 5.70 5.76	3.24 3.28 3.33 3.36 3.40	2.10-2.15 2.14-2.17 2.17-2.20 2.15 2.14	3.85 3.92 3.94 3.96 3.98
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.49-5.61 5.42-5.56 5.40-5.52 5.27-5.39 5.33-5.43	2.87-2.90 2.89-2.92 2.91-3.05 2.93-3.09 2.95-3.09	1.91 1.93-2.05 1.95-2.05 1.93-2.05 1.94-2.05	3.05 3.03-3.08 3.03-3.12 3.12-3.18 3.10-3.12
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.79-5.88 5.78-5.87 5.78-5.85 5.67-5.73 5.69-5.75	3.16-3.30 3.19-3.31 3.20-3.34 3.23-3.36 3.27-3.39	2.04-2.10 2.06-2.13 2.09-2.15 2.08-2.13 2.07-2.10	3.78-3.87 3.83-3.92 3.94-4.05 3.83-3.98 3.80-3.91

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT) *NEW CROP

Corn & Soybean Production Sharply Below 2004

"Missouri corn, sorghum and hay yields for 2005 averaged well below normal, as dry conditions persisted from late June into early August," said Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics. "In contrast, cotton, rice and potatoes produced excellent yields, while sovbeans showed substantial recovery from the drought due to August and September rainfall." Missouri soybean production in 2005 totaled 184 million bushels, down 18 percent from the record 2004 crop. Farmers in Missouri harvested 4.96 million of the 5.0 million acres planted in the State. Missouri yields averaged 37 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from the record 2004 yield but 7.5 bushels above 2 years ago. Corn production in Missouri during 2005 totaled 330 million bushels, 29 percent below the record level of a year earlier. Yields for the State averaged 111 bushels per acre, down 51 bushels from the 2004 record yield but 3 bushels above the 2003 yield. Out of 3.1 million planted acres, corn for grain was produced from 2.97 million acres and 110,000 acres were cut for silage. Missouri grain sorghum production totaled 9.88 million bushels, down 37 percent from 2004. Of the 135,000 acres planted, 130,000 were harvested for grain, 10 percent less than a year earlier. Average yield for the State was 76 bushels per acre, down 32 bushels from the record 2004 yield and 1 bushel below the 2 years earlier. Missouri cotton production is estimated at a record 885,000 bales, 7 percent above the previous record high of 2004. The State yield is estimated at 970 pounds, the second highest yield below the 1,054 pound record of 2004. Missouri farmers harvested 438,000 of the 440,000 acres planted. Rice production in Missouri during 2005 totaled a record 14.1 million cwt, 7 percent above the previous record of a year earlier. Yield is estimated at 6,600 pounds per acre, 200 pounds below the 6,800 pound record set in 2004. Farmers harvested 214,000 of the 216,000 planted acres. **Hay production** in the state totaled 6.72 million tons, 29 percent below the record 2004 crop. Missouri hay yields averaged 1.68 tons per acre, compared with 2.17 tons a year earlier. Harvested area of all hay, at 4 million acres, declined 8 percent from 2004.